There is no Non-official Postal Committee under the Department of Posts.

However, the following Committees have both Official and Non Official Members:

1. Philatelic Advisory Committee.
2. Postal Advisory Committee
3. Hindi Salehakar Samiti

The Philatelic Advisory Committee is headed by the Minister of State for Communications as Chairman and it includes Sr. Officers from Department of Posts and Ministry of Finance Non-Official Members of the Committee includes Members of Parliament, representatives of prominant persons and artists, philatelists and stamp dealers. The Philatelic Advisory Committee advises the Government regarding matters relating to issue of commemorative/special postage stamps. The Committee was last constituted vide notifiation dated 22.4.92 in April 1992 for the years 1992 and 1993. The tanure of the Non-Official Members of this Committee is for a period of two years from the date of notification.

There are 25 Postal Advisory Committees. This Committee is headed by Head of Postal Circle as Chairman and has representatives of State Governments, State Legislatures, Rural interests, Press, Trade & Commerce and Small Scale Industry.

Members of Parliament and representatives of Special interests nominated by the Minister of Communications. The tenure of the Committee is two years. Out of the 25 Postal Advisory Committees, 5 have been reconstituted and the case for reconstituting 20 is in process.

Hindi Salahakar Samiti is headed by the Minister of Communications and includes Senior Officers of the Department. Non-Official Members of the Committee includes Members of Parliament, representatives of All India Hindi Institutions, Kendriya Sachivalaya, Hindi Parishad and Department of Official Languages. The Committee has a tenure of three years. The reconstitutions of the Committee is in process.

Telecom and Postal Services in Thane District

56. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecommunication and postal services in Thene District is extremely poor and inefficient;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken in the recent past to make significant improvement in the same and the results thereof; and

(d) the details of measures proposed to be taken particularly in rural and tribal areas of the district during the 8th Five Year Plan to improve and modernise the telecommunication and postal services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. The telecommunication and postal services in Thane District is satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As regards telecom services, 5 electronic exchanges have been installed and 17 small exchanges have been replaced by electronic exchanges with latest technology (FETEX-150) in Thane District. In Thane city, RLUs from electronic exchanges have been opened. The long distance transmission media has been provided on high reliable radio systems.

To further improve the telecommunication services in rural and tribal

areas, 15 electronic-mechanical exchanges are proposed to be replaced by electronic exchanges Electronic exchanges at Vasai, Nallasopara, Virar & Wada are proposed to be installed. MARR Radio Systems are proposed for providing telecom facilities to various Gram Panchayats.

Regarding postal services, transmission and delivery of mails in the area is constantly monitored. 7 new post offices, one sub post office and 6 EDBPOs have been opened in Thane District during 1992-93. Mail motor schedule between Thane, Dombivali and Kalyan have been introduced recently to improve mail movement.

Income and wealth of Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

57. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to starred Question No. 3274 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th December, 1992 and state:

(a) the amount of income and wealth claimed by Ms. Jayalalitha, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Income Tax Department has made any assessment of her claims;

(c) whether a final review has been taken on the veracity of the returns filed by Ms. Jayalalitha; and

(d) if not, the status of the investigation by the Income Tax Department into the returns that have been filed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The income and wealth declared in the returns of last three years indicated below:—

Assessment Year	Total income/ Agricultural income (Rs.)	Wealth (Rs.)
1990-91	86,860/8,00,000	1,88,75,400
1991-92	4,48,660/9,00,000	2,60,55,750
1992-93	6,64,530/9,50,000	5,81,94,815

(b) The returns of income and wealth for assessment year 1990-91 were filed beyond the statutory time limit. Therefore, notices under Section 148 of the Income-tax Act and Section 17 of the Wealth Tax Act have been issued to regularise these returns. The returns of income for the assessment years 1991-92 and 1992-93 have been processed under Section 143 (1) (a) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and requisite intimations have been sent to the assessee. Similarly, the wealth tax returned of these years have also been processed and requisite intimation under Section 16(1)(a) of the Wealth Tax Act have been sent.

(c) and (d) Assessments under Section 143(3) of the Income-tax Act and 16(3) of the Wealth Tax Act are pending. For this purpose, notices under Section 143(2) and 16(2) of the respective Acts have been issued alongwith questionnneire to produce evidence on which the assessee may rely in support of her returns.